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1. INDOCHINA

NYT'S GELB SAYS DESPITE SECSTATE'S COMMENT LAST WEEK THAT
PRES HAS DECIDED TO INCREASE US FOOD AID ABROAD FROM ONE
BIL DOLS TO 1.5 BIL, WH SPOKESMAN MADE CLEAR THAT FINAL
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DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. NOTES NESSEN HINTED
DECISION WOULD BE ALONG LINES DISCUSSED BY HAK, BUT ADDED
THAT DETAILS REMAIN TO BE ASSESSED AND DISCUSSED WITH
CONGRESS. QUOTES ADMIN OFFICIALS AND SEN HUMPHREY THAT

DETAILS ARE COMPLICATED AND RELATED TO AID TO SVN; HAK AND HUMPHREY -- WHO HELPED FRAME NEW LAW LIMITING FOOD AID FOR PURPOSE OTHER THAN HUMANITARIAN -- ARE NEGOTIATING ON VN DETAILS. HAK SAID TO BE LINKING MAXIMUM INCREASE IN FOOD AID TO HUMPHREY'S ACCEPTANCE OF SHIFT IN CATEGORY FOR GVN FROM "POLITICAL" TO "HUMANITARIAN." CHANGE COULD ALLOW SECSTATE TO PROVIDE SVN MORE BUDGET SUPPORT IN FORM OF FOOD AID, BUT "HIGH OFFICIAL" INSISTED REAL INTENT IS TO MEET HAK PROMISES OF EXTRA FOOD FOR SK, CHILE, INDONESIA AND EGYPT, SINCE PLANNED AMOUNT FOR GVN WOULD USE UP MOST OF "POLITICAL" CATEGORY AID.

GELB REVIEWS CURRENT LAW THAT CONSIDERS FOOD AID "POLITICAL" UNLESS RECIPIENT COUNTRY IS LISTED BY UN AS AMONG NEEDIEST

AND HUNGRIEST, AND LIMITS SUCH "POLITICAL" AID TO NOT OVER 30-PCT OF TOTAL. SAYS ADMIN OFFICIALS AND LEGISLATORS BELIEVE HAK IS MANEUVERING FOR MORE DIPLOMATIC FLEXIBILITY ON FOOD AID PROGRAM AS CONGRESS CONTINUES TO CUT MIL-ECON FOREIGN AID. QUOTES HUMPHREY IN INTERVIEW THAT HE IS WILLING TO BARGAIN ON STATUS OF GVN TO OBTAIN MORE FOOD FOR HUNGRIEST AREAS. STATES OBSERVERS IN CONGRESS SEE ADMIN GETTING MORE RESPONSIVE TO PRESSURES FOR MORE HUMANITARIAN FOOD AID; POINTS OUT THAT IN RECENT YEARS "POLITICAL" FOOD AID TO INDOCHINA AND SK PREDOMINATED. NOTES DOS MEMO LISTING FOOD AID OPTIONS SHOWS CONSTANT TOTAL OF 101 MIL DOLS FOR SVN.

IN TOKYO, CP NEWSPAPER QUOTED NVN OFFICIALS SAYING US RECON PLANES HAVE MADE THIRD OVERFLIGHT OF YEAR OVER DRV (UPI, GLOBE).

AP SAYS 12-SHIP CONVOY FORMING ON MEKONG NEAR SVN BORDER AND SHIPPING SOURCES DISCLOSED IT MIGHT ATTEMPT NIGHT RUN TO PP (SUN). GVN CALLED OFF 20-SHIP RELIEF CONVOY FOR PP BECAUSE OF FIGHTING NEAR NEAK LUONG; INSTEAD, SIX SHIPS LOADED WITH RICE HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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LEFT SVN FOR KOMPONG SOM, AND SOURCES SAID GKR WILL TRY FLY RICE IN FROM HERE. FOOD SUPPLIES IN CAPITAL EXPECTED TO RUN OUT IN WEEK (UPI, GLOBE).

FIELD REPORTS INDICATE REBELS CAPTURED MEKONG ISLAND NORTH OF PP, POSING THREAT TO GKR NAVAL BASE WHERE TONLE SAP AND MEKONG RIVERS MEET. FANK LANDS TROOPS TO TRY RETAKE ISLAND WHILE THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES LEAVE IT FOR CAPITAL (AP, NYT; WP). INSURGENT FORCES CAPTURE DISTRICT CAPITAL SEVEN MILES NORTH OF PP, WITHIN RANGE OF LARGE GKR FUEL STORAGE DEPOT (AP, NYT, SUN; WP). ROCKETS REPORTEDLY FIRED INTO CENTRAL PP AND AROUND POCHENTONG (AP, NYT). GKR COMMAND SAID

FANK PUSHED BACK REBELS AT NEAK LUONG AND KILLED OVER 100 (AP, SUN; WP).

MIL SOURCES DESCRIBE SITUATION NORTH AND NW OF PP AS SERIOUS (WP). MIL COMMAND CLAIMED REBEL RAIDING PARTY BURNED THREE MAKESHIFT REFUGEE DWELLINGS ON OUTSKIRTS OF CAPITAL (UPI, GLOBE). HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS FLED INTO CITY FROM SOUTHERN PP SUBURBS AFTER REBELS DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS PREDICTING THREE DAYS OF HEAVY FIGHTING IN AREA IMMINENT, AS "SECOND STAGE" OF THREE-WEEK OLD INSURGENT OFFENSIVE (AP, SUN; WP; UPI, GLOBE).

GVN SAYS BRIEF, HEAVY CLASH NEAR HOAI DUC DISTRICT TOWN, 70 MILES NE OF SAIGON, LEFT 14 COMMUNISTS DEAD (UPI, '0 MILES NE OF SAIGON, LEFT 14 COMMUNISTS DEAD (UPI, GLOBE). COMMUNIST GUNNERS EASE ATTACK ON TAY NINH CITY AFTER HEAVY WEEKEND BARRAGE (WP). VC TERRORISTS BLEW UP BRIDGE ON SECONDARY ROAD NEAR SAIGON AND LARGER ONE 95 MILES SE OF CAPITAL ON MAIN ROAD TO DELTA (AP, SUN; WP).

2. KOREA

NDP LEADER KIM YOUNG SAM TOLD FOREIGN PRESS CLUB IN TOKYO MONDAY THAT US MIL, ECON AID TO ROK IS NECESSARY, DESPITE "DICTATORIAL" PARK REGIME, "UNTIL WE SEE EVIDENCE" NK WILL NOT INVADE SK. KIM SAID US AID "NOT AIMED AT AN INDIVIDUAL, BUT IS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY." NOTED UNCLASSIFIED

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"ABSOLUTE MAJORITY" OF KOREANS WANT POLITICAL CHANGE, BUT SUPPORT "PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER," SAYING HE "WOULD NOT REJOICE IN THE PROSPECT OF THE PARK GOVERNMENT'S DEMISE BY IRREGULAR MEANS" (NYT).

3. THAILAND

AFP BANGKOK (WP) NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF USIS DIRECTOR IN THAILAND, JOHN HEDGES, AS USIS DIRECTOR, NIGERIA.

RTG SPOKESMAN SAYS FLOOD TOLL DUE TO UNSEASONAL RAINS IN SOUTH THIS MONTH IS NOW AT LEAST 239 PEOPLE (UPI, NYDN).

4. INDONESIA

WSJ ROUNDUP NOTES PERTAMINA SIGNED PRODUCTION-SHARING CONTRACTS WITH TEXACO OVERSEAS AND CALIFORNIA ASIATIC, TO EXPLORE FOR OIL IN CENTRAL SUMATRA. FIRMS TO INVEST UP TO 10 MILLION DOLS, AGREE TO PROVIDE OIL FOR INDONESIA AT 20 CENTS/BBL.

5. JAPAN

SEN. PROXMIRE CHARGED IN SENATE MONDAY THAT DOD SPENDS 13.9 MILLION DOLS YEARLY TO MAINTAIN, OPERATE 300 MILITARY GOLF COURSES IN US AND AROUND WORLD, INCLUDING 10 IN JAPAN, SIX IN KOREA, FOUR IN PHILIPPINES, ONE IN THAILAND. SAID THIS IS "WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY IN A TIME OF INFLATION COMPOUNDED BY RECESSION."

SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO WRITES ABOUT BOOM IN "PLANTS FOR RENT" BUSINESS AS BY-PRODUCT OF POLLUTION, OVER-CROWDING. PEOPLE LONG FOR INDOOR PLANTS, BUT FEAR THEY WILL DIE

IN WINDOWLESS OFFICES, BAD AIR, WITHOUT SUNSHINE BLOCKED BY TALL BUILDINGS. RENTING ALSO ELIMINATES HEADACHE OF WATERING, CARING FOR THEM.

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CDN'S BEECH IN HK SAYS HK-JAPAN RELATIONS PLUMMETED AFTER JAPANESE CONSORTIUM RENEGED ON DEAL TO BUILD 1.6 BILLION DOL MASS TRANSIT SUBWAY SYSTEM. HK GOVT OFFICIALS HOTLY ACCUSE MITSUBISHI-LED CONSORTIUM OF "BAD FAITH" AND "SERIOUS ERROR OF JUDGEMENT" FOR BACKING OUT OF PRE-EMPTIVE LOW BID THAT ELIMINATED COMPETITION. MITSUBISHI CITES UNFORESEEN SPIRALING OF LABOR COSTS, INFLATION. BEECH SAYS TANAKA RESIGNATION MAY HAVE BEEN MAJOR FACTOR, SINCE CONSORTIUM HOPED GOJ LED BY CONSTRUCTION MILLIONAIRE WOULD UNDERWRITE LOSSES, SEE PROJECT THROUGH AS MATTER OF NATIONAL PRESTIGE. MEANTIME, HK IS SEEKING COMPENSATORY DAMAGES FROM CONSORTIUM, EVEN THOUGH LETTER OF INTENT HAD NO PENALTY CLAUSE. JAPANESE REJECTED CLAIM AT FIRST, BUT THEN, OUT OF FEAR OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL REPRISALS, OFFERED ONE MILLION DOLS, WHICH HK REJECTED "WITH CONTEMPT."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. CHINA

AP (TOKYO) CONCLUDES THAT NEW PRC CONSTITUTION REPRESENTS VICTORY FOR MAO IN 40-YEAR BATTLE TO BEND PLA TO WILL OF CCP. BUT PLA COMMAND MAY HAVE COME TOO LATE TO MEAN MUCH TO MAO. CONSTITUTION APPEARS WRITTEN WITH EYE TO POST-MAO FUTURE. SHORTER, MORE LIBERAL IN SOME RESPECTS THAN 1954 ORIGINAL, IT CLEARLY BEARS CHOU'S IMPRINT, EMBODYING HIS MODERATE POLICY BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. TENG, NAMED ONE OF CCP'S SIX VICE-CHAIRMEN AND TO NINE-MEMBER POLITBURO STANDING COMMITTEE,

NOW IS IN POSITION TO TAKE OVER BOTH CHOU'S GOVT AND PARTY JOBS SHOULD ILLNESS OR OLD AGE FORCE HIM TO WITHDRAW (BALT N-A, JAN 20).

RODERICK (AP) SAYS DECISIONS OF NPC AND CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEFT CHOU MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER, POLITICALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY. THEY REPRESENT VICTORY FOR CHOU'S MODERATE POLICY OF DETENTE AT HOME AND ABROAD AND REBUFF TO HARDLINE RADICAL WING OF PARTY; THEY ALSO APPEAR UNCLASSIFIED

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LIKELY TO RESTORE SENSE OF NORMALCY TO NATION. ADDS THAT MAO'S ABSENCE FROM PEKING COULD HAVE BEEN BECAUSE OF HIS AGE OR UNHAPPINESS OVER COURSE BEING TAKEN. BUT

CHAIRMAN APPEARS TO HAVE GOTTEN HIS WAY AT LEAST ON ABOLITION OF PRESIDENCY. NOTES COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED BY SAYING: "WE ARE DETERMINED TO LIBERATE TAIWAN" (GLOBE).

AP'S PHIL BROWN (TOKYO) REPORTS CHOU DECLARED IN JAN 13 ADDRESS TO NPC THAT PRC RELATIONS WITH US "WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE SO LONG AS THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHINESE-AMERICAN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE ARE CARRIED OUT IN EARNEST" (NYDN). NYT CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM CHOU ADDRESS.

SUN EDIT CITES CONTRAST BETWEEN NEW PRC GOVT AND NEW CONSTITUTION THAT SYMBOLIZE MAO'S "BELIEF IN TENSION" AS LIFEblood OF VITAL SOCIETY. CHOU HEADS GOVT STAFFED BY MODERATES STANDING FOR CONTINUITY AND STABILITY; BUT CONSTITUTION IS "RADICAL DOCUMENT REFLECTING MAOIST PRECEPTS OF CONTINUING REVOLUTION" AS MEANS OF PREVENTING DREAD CURSE OF REVISIONISM. FEELS THERE REALLY CAN BE NO RECONCILIATION IN THIS STRUGGLE, NOR WOULD MAO WANT IT, HAVING PERSONALLY BEEN CATALYST OF PERIODIC TURMOIL THAT HAS WRACKED CHINA PAST TWO DECADES.

HOWEVER, SUN FEELS THERE IS MUCH EVIDENCE SUGGESTING POST-MAO ERA WILL REFLECT MANY OF CHARACTERISTICS OF COLLECTIVE PARTY AND GOVT HIERARCHY CHOU HAS BEEN BUILDING FOR HALF DECADE. PROBLEM OF MAO SUCCESSION IS COMPLICATED BY EVER-PRESENT PROSPECT THAT IT MAY CHANGE OVERNIGHT INTO PROBLEMS OF CHOU SUCCESSION. SHOULD HE DIE OR BECOME DISABLED, ATTEMPT SURELY WOULD BE MADE TO CARRY ON WITH COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP DEDICATED TO HIS PRAGMATIC FLEXIBLE POLICIES -- BUT OUTSIDE NATIONS SHOULD COUNT ON THIS ONLY AT THEIR PERIL.

NEVERTHELESS, US SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED BY PEKING DEVELOPMENTS. PRES FORD'S COMING CHINA VISIT SHOULD BE OCCASION FOR ANOTHER LARGE STEP TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.

CITING CHOU'S JAN 13 NPC ADDRESS REFERENCE TO INEVITABILITY

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OF US-SOVIET WAR, NYDN'S GREENE OBSERVES THAT WHAT FORD "COULD WELL DO WITHOUT" IN MIDST OF DOMESTIC PROBLEMS WITH ECONOMY, ENERGY, TAXES, ETC, IS PREMIER'S "GLAD-HAND ASSISTANCE ...STIRRING UP TROUBLE" BETWEEN US AND SOVIET. SAYS UNLESS CHOU SOMEHOW KNEW IN ADVANCE THAT KREMLIN PLANNED TO REJECT TRADE AGREEMENT WITH US, HE WAS "MERELY CONTINUING HIS CUSTOMARY EFFORTS TO SOW DISCORD" BETWEEN US AND SOVIET; IF HE DID HAVE "SNIFF OF WHAT WAS TO COME, HE WAS SEIZING AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOVE IN THE NEEDLE, TO SHARPEN THE FRICTION."

WP'S GREENWAY, IN HK, CITES CHOU'S REMARKS ON SINO-US RELATIONS -- THAT CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS DEPENDS ON PRINCIPLES OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE BEING "CARRIED OUT IN EARNEST." SAYS THIS WAS HIGH-LEVEL CONFIRMATION OF RECENT REPORTS THAT CHINESE ARE DISPLEASED WITH PACE OF DETENTE AND WOULD LIKE MORE PROGRESS TOWARDS NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND LESSENING OF US SUPPORT FOR ROC, "AS PROMISED" IN COMMUNIQUE. SIMILARLY, SUN'S ISAACS, IN HK, SEES PEKING SENDING "LIGHTLY VEILED BUT UNMISTAKABLE SIGNAL" TO US THAT CHINA EXPECTS SOME PROGRESS ON TAIWAN ISSUE AS SINO-US THAW CONTINUES EVOLVING. SAYS CHOU'S WORDS WERE "CLEAREST SUGGESTION SO FAR" THAT WHILE CHINA IS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN CONTINUING TO UNFREEZE RELATIONS WITH US, SHE IS MIFFED THAT US HAS NOT MOVED MORE RAPIDLY TO BEGIN LOOSENING TIES WITH ROC.

ISAACS CONTENTS FOCAL POINT FOR POSSIBLE US DECISION ON TAIWAN WILL BE PRES FORD'S CHINA VISIT. ADDS THAT GROWING PRC IMPATIENCE ON ISSUE IS ILLUSTRATED BY CONTRAST BETWEEN CHOU'S STATEMENT LAST WEEK AND HIS COMMENTS ON SINO-US RELATIONS IN HIS LAST BROAD POLICY REVIEW IN "POLITICAL REPORT" TO AUG. 1973 PARTY CONGRESS. AT THAT TIME, THERE WERE NO JABS ON CARRYING OUT SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE; INSTEAD, CHOU CONCENTRATED ON JUSTIFYING SINO-US THAW AS "NECESSARY COMPROMISE" SERVING CHINA'S INTEREST. BUT IN MONDAY SPEECH, WHILE REAFFIRMING CHINA'S WISH FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH US, PREMIER ALSO REITERATED STANDARD CHINESE WARNINGS THAT BOTH SUPERPOWERS ARE AGGRESSIVE AND DANGEROUS.

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IN HK, LELYVELD (NYT) POINTS OUT THAT CHOU, IN NPC ADDRESS, OFFERED NO EXPLANATION FOR MAO'S ABSENCE FROM PEKING PROCEEDINGS. NOTES MAO, THOUGHT TO BE IN HUNAN PROVINCE, RECEIVED FOREIGN GUESTS DURING THIS PERIOD, SEEMING TO HINT THEREBY THAT IT WAS NOT HIS

HEALTH THAT WAS KEEPING HIM FROM CAPITAL. TO CASUAL LISTENER, THERE WAS MORE OF MAO IN CHOU'S ADDRESS THAN OF HIMSELF; BUT IF TONE WAS SELF-EFFACING, EFFECT WAS REMARKABLE REASSERTION OF PREMIER'S LEADERSHIP.

TO LAT'S ELEGANT, IN HK, BOTH SPIRIT AND WORDING OF NEW PRC CONSTITUTION BREATHED SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION AND CONCERN FOR CHINESE COMMON PEOPLE. IN FORM AND SPIRIT, IT SETS CHINA ON NEW ROAD TOWARD, IT IS HOPED, EVENTUAL GREATER PERSONAL FREEDOM OF SPEECH, ACTION AND ENTERPRISE. REUTER'S GRIFFITHS, IN PEKING, SAYS NPC APPEARS TO HAVE SIGNALLED NEW ERA OF STABILITY FOR PRC DURING ITS FIVE-DAY SESSION. PERHAPS ITS MOST IMPORTANT MOVE WAS

TO ABOLISH HEAD OF STATE POST AND PUT PLA SUPREME COMMAND IN MAO'S HANDS -- INSURING THAT ANY FUTURE OPPOSITION MOVEMENT IS DEPRIVED OF LEGAL BASIS FOR ITS ACTIONS.

S-N'S BRADSHER, IN HK, HOLDS THAT MAO HAS BEEN TURNED INTO INSTITUTIONALIZED IMAGE, RATHER THAN STILL-ACTIVE PRC LEADER, IN NEW CONSTITUTION. SAYS DOCUMENT "EMBALMED MAO'S POLITICAL THOUGHT" WHILE MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR PRAGMATIC LEADERSHIP UNDER CHOU TO CONTINUE ITS FLEXIBLE, PRACTICAL MARXIST MANAGEMENT OF COUNTRY. SOLE CONSTITUTIONAL POWER GIVEN MAO WAS PLA COMMAND, AND THIS WAS DONE WITHOUT NAMING HIM PERSONALLY -- ONLY CCP CHAIRMAN BY TITLE WAS MENTIONED -- AS IF IN PREPARATION FOR CHAIRMAN'S DEATH. AFTER MAO, GAP IS LIKELY AND POSSIBLY MAJOR STRUGGLE BEFORE NEW CHAIRMAN IS NAMED.

TO BRADSHER, IT IS CURIOUS MILITARY COMMAND POWER HANDED MAO. JUST HOW IT MIGHT BE EXERCISED IN EVENT OF RELUCTANCE BY GOVT APPARATUS TO COOPERATE, OR OUTRIGHT DISAGREEMENT AND CONFLICT OVER WHAT PLA SHOULD DO, AS DURING GPCR, WAS LEFT UNCLEAR. INSISTS COMMUNIQUE SHOWED NO DIS-UNCLASSIFIED

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TINCTION BETWEEN PEKING AVERSION TOWARD BOTH SOVIET AND US; OUR ASSUMPTIONS THAT CHINA FAVORS US OVER SOVIET "FOUND NO SUBSTANTIATION" IN NPC SESSION OR CONSTITUTION (JAN 20).

IN FIFTH OF SERIES OF PHILA BULLETIN EXCERPTS ON PRC VISIT WITH GOV SHAPP, HIS WIFE RECOUNTS WITNESSING ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT -- MYSTERY OF WHICH IS "IT WORKS." MRS. SHAPP FOUND ONE THING ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN IN CHINA: IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAO'S DIRECTIVES, COUNTRY IS EXPANDING ITS TRADITIONAL MEDICAL LORE, COMBINING IT WITH MOST RECENT ADVANCES IN MODERN MEDICINE (JAN 16). IN FINAL REPORT (JAN 17), SUMMARIZES IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA. ADMITS AWARENESS THAT "OUR EXPERIENCES WERE SELECTED," EVEN THOUGH "WE ENUMERATED" KINDS OF THINGS DESIRED TO SEE.

ALSO CONCEDES POSSIBILITY THEY VISITED "DEMONSTRATION" SCHOOLS, COMMUNES, TOP-NOTCH HOSPITALS, OR THAT WHAT THEY SAW REPRESENTED NORM FOR URBAN AND SUBURBAN EASTERN CHINA. NEVERTHELESS, MOST OVERWHELMING IMPRESSION IS THAT CHINA IS INCREASINGLY POWERFUL NATION WITH EVERGROWING IMPACT ON WORLD. SEEMS DEDICATED TO SOME PROGRAMS WE MIGHT WELL CONSIDER. "WE MAY DECRY AS BRAIN-WASHING" POPULATION'S COMPLETE, UNRELENTING INDOCTRINATION. BUT IT WORKS BECAUSE MORE THAN PROPAGANDA IS EMPLOYED. CHINESE PEOPLE SEE DAILY BENEFITS THAT ACCRUE TO THEM UNDER PRESENT REGIME. IF CHINESE DO NOT YET DEPLORE LIMITATIONS ON CHOICE OF LIFESTYLE, OCCUPATION, CREATIVITY, REPETITION OF SLOGANS AND CATCH PHRASES, THEY ARE BOUND

TO SOME DAY WHEN NECESSITIES ARE MORE EASILY COME BY AND FULLY LITERATE PEOPLE HAVE LEISURE TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS, MAKE COMPARISONS AND SEEK ALTERNATIVES.

8. INDOCHINA

WSJ COMMENTS THAT PROVISIONAL GOVTS AND RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS SEEM MUCH IN FAVOR AT UN LATELY, AND NOW IT HAS GIVEN FORMAL RECOGNITION TO VC BY ACCEPTING THREE-MAN PRG LIAISON OFFICE AT GENEVA. WONDERS IF AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY UN SINCE IT HAS "BETTER THAN AVERAGE" CREDENTIALS. SHANNON UNCLASSIFIED

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(LAT 1/17) SEES NEW CONFLICT BETWEEN US AND UN EMERGING WITH LATTER'S APPROVAL OF VC LIAISON OFFICE AT GENEVA. TRACES APPROVAL TO COMMITMENT MADE BY SEC GEN AT 1973 PARIS CONFERENCE ON VN. QUOTES UN SPOKESMAN THAT US DID NOT OPPOSE OPENING VC LIAISON OFFICE; POINTS OUT THAT AIDE TO STATE'S ANDERSON SAID THAT US VIEWS ON PRG ARE WELL KNOWN, AND SEC GEN AND SWISS GOVT WERE INFORMED IN ADVANCE.

IN LETTER TO GLOBE, LAVAN OF FRIENDS OF CHILDREN POINTS OUT THAT THROUGH THIEU'S DIRECT INTERVENTION OVER 50 VIET ORPHANS WERE ADOPTED BY BOSTON AREA FAMILIES. WHILE OPPOSED TO US INVOLVEMENT IN VN, LAVAN BELIEVES USG HAS DEFINITE RESPONSIBILITY TO CHILDREN AND WANTS US TO REDIRECT FOREIGN AID TO VN SO IT WILL GO DIRECTLY TO CHILDREN AND TO OTHER NON-MIL FORMS OF REBUILDING COUNTRY.

BULLETIN'S GRADY (1/20) BELIEVES CONGRESS MUST STOP "FORD'S VIETNAM WAR." NOTES WAR THERE NEVER ENDS, FUELED WITH US GUNS AND MONEY. SAYS LIKE PREDECESSORS, FORD IS GOING TO ASK CONGRESS FOR BIG SUM TO PROLONG WAR; CALLS IT "CRAZY" CONSIDERING OTHER PROBLEMS FACING PRES. WITH ECON MESS AT HOME, BELIEVES IT "UNREAL" FOR

FORD TO ASK FOR HUGE SUMS TO "SAVE" SVN AND CAMBODIA. STATES THAT "ORCHESTRA" IS TUNING UP: DOS WARNS THAT HANOI IS VIOLATING TRUCE AND DOD HINTS THAT US TROOPS MAY GO BACK IN. IDENTIFIES "ORCHESTRA LEADER" AS HAK, WHOSE "EGO DEMANDS THAT...THIEU STAYS..." WITH US TAXPAYER PAYING FOR EGO TRIP. GRADY FLATLY STATES THAT GRIM TRUTH IS THAT WE LOST VN WAR YEARS AGO, AND MORE MILLIONS PUMPED IN WILL ONLY STAVE OFF THE INEVITABLE AND PROLONG BLOODSHED. ADVISES THAT INSTEAD OF POURING FUEL INTO FLAMES IT WOULD SEEM SENSIBLE TO SEEK AGREEMENT WITH USSR AND CHINA TO END MIL AID TO BOTH SIDES, AND PRESSURE GVN TO FORM COALITION WITH COMMUNISTS. DOES NOT BELIEVE NEW CONGRESS WILL GIVE EXTRA FUNDS.

9. JAPAN

FROM TOKYO, GLOBE'S STORIN DESCRIBES HOW MAJESTIC
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MOUNT FUJI COMES INTO VIEW AT NEW YEAR, WHEN AIR ABOVE CITY IS FREE OF SMOG BECAUSE BLAST FURNACES CLOSE DOWN AND AUTOS STAY OFF ROAD DURING TRADITIONAL FOUR-DAY-LONG HOLIDAY.

TO SATISFY RISING POPULAR DEMAND TO ABATE JAPAN'S WELL-KNOWN POLLUTION, GOJ HAS SET AND INTENDS TO ENFORCE "SOME OF THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS," EVEN THOUGH IT MAY TAKE FIVE YEARS TO CLEAR AIR AND WATER. INSTEAD OF FINES, JAIL SENTENCES, GOJ EXPECTS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS THROUGH UNIQUE JAPANESE PRACTICE OF "ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE" -- SAME CONSENSUS MECHANISM USED TO ACHIEVE HIGH GROWTH RATES WHICH DEGRADED ENVIRONMENT IN FIRST PLACE.

TO SHOW WHAT CAN BE DONE, GOJ CONDUCTS TOURS OF NEW KASHIMA INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, WHERE STEEL, OIL AND POWER PLANT EXHAUSTS MEASURE ONLY .02 PPM, LESS THAN EFFECT OF STRIKING MATCH IN 9X12 ROOM. TURNING DEAF EAR TO AUTO INDUSTRY PLEAS TO POSTPONE TOUGH NEW EMISSION STANDARDS, AT TIME CAR MAKERS SUFFERING FIRST YEAR OF NEGATIVE GROWTH IN DECADE, ALSO SHOWS GOJ MEANS BUSINESS. EVEN SO, STORIN WONDERS WHETHER THESE BEGINNINGS WILL RESULT IN YEAR-ROUND VIEW OF FUJI.

PHILA BULLETIN'S BOOTH REVIEWS BOOK, "NO SURRENDER," AND INTERVIEWS AUTHOR ONODA (JAN 16). CITES ONODA ARGUMENT THAT HE FOLLOWED ORDER TO HOLD OUT IN PHILIPPINES FOR 30 YEARS AS LOGICAL OUTGROWTH OF CULTURAL AND MILITARY TRAINING. BUT NOW, WITH LONGER HAIR, MIRTHFUL FACE SANS MOUSTACHE AND GOATEE, BOOTH FINDS IT HARD TO IMAGINE ONODA DODGING HOSTILE PATROLS IN JUNGLE. ONLY VISIBLE ILL-EFFECT SEEMS TO BE HIS

PASSIONATE HATRED OF BANANAS. BOOTH ALSO NOTES ONODA'S
DISILLUSION WITH PRESENT-DAY MATERIALISM, LACK OF TRUST
IN OTHER JAPANESE, WHICH PROMPTED HIM TO EMIGRATE TO
BRAZIL. KISSINGER

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